

Turning next to FIGS. 15-19, the portable table saw 2 has the capacity to store a number of accessories to facilitate easy transport. Moreover, base 4 is a two-part assembly -lower part 180 adds stiffness and acts as a skid to allow table saw 2 to slide easily on rough or uneven surfaces. Storage for rip fence 40, miter gauge 192, blade guard 82, blade wrenches 182, blades 184, and power cord 194 are all provided on the saw. The storage is designed such that the saw 2 can be turned and tilted in virtually any direction without the components detaching while in the stored positions. Referring to FIG. 15A, spacers 185 are provided that may be placed between spare blades 184 that are being stored on the saw 2. When the spacers are placed between the blades, the tips 187 of the blades 184 are protected from contacting one another which protects tips 187 from being chipped or broken.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (AMENDED) A table saw comprising:
a base;
a first table mounted to the base;
a second table; and
first and second rails having first and second ends, wherein the rails are slidably mounted to the first table and the second ends are rigidly mounted to the second table such that the second table is slidably movable relative to the first table.

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6. (AMENDED) The table saw according to claim 5, wherein the first table defines a first surface, and wherein the locking mechanism further comprises a lever extending from the first surface when the locking mechanism is in an unlocked position.

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8. (AMENDED) The table saw according to claim 5, wherein the locking mechanism comprises means for applying equal locking pressure to the first and second rails.

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11. (AMENDED) The table saw according to claim 9, wherein the first table defines a second surface opposite the first surface, and wherein the locking mechanism is attached to the second surface.